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Our country's trump card in the arms control talks coming up with the Soviet Union is high technology, superior technology. The Soviets know that, and they have tried over the years to get American secrets by any means possible. Unfortunately, they have sometimes found Americans who were all too willing to help them.

Kenneth Walker takes a look at the Soviet agents inside our borders.

ARKADY SHEVCHENKO: We have no control over them, because, unfortunately, they are at the United Nations, they can have as much people as they want to the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

KENNETH WALKER: Top Soviet defector Arkady Shechenko knows what he's talking about when he claims that hundreds of KGB agents operating as diplomats scour the United States trying to beg, buy or steal classified government and sensitive commercial information.

MAN: So you're a spy.

WALKER: But what was illustrated by this new movie about a young employee in Silicon Valley, California is that a growing number of Americans are willing to help the KGB out. In the past five years, 22 persons have been charged with espionage here, including six Americans, more than at any time before. One of them, Richard Miller, arrested last October, was a member of the FBI's elite counterintelligence squad.

Unlike post-World War II spies, such as Americans who